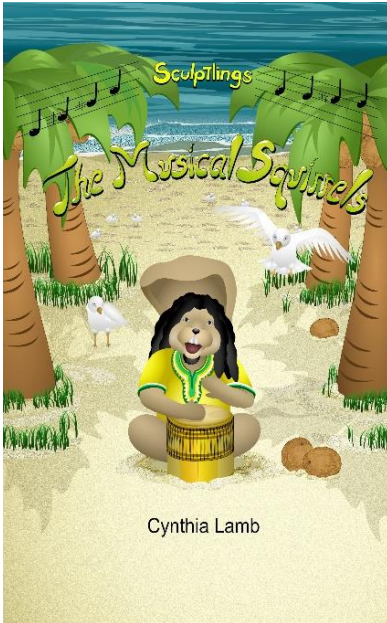




Topic and Discussion Page

Jimmy the Drummer

The Musical Squirrels Series



Sculptlings Educational Book on Music (Making Music With Different Sounds, Brings People Together Through Music)

Music teaches kids coordination by clapping their hands and beating on drums in a rhythm together. You can really have fun when reading this book with your kids.

Jimmy the Drummer shows kids how much fun you can have when you get along with others by making music. As Jimmy and his friends are playing their drums they attract others who want to join in. He encourages the others to join in by using objects around them to make a beat and to add a different sound. Before long they are tapping their feet and clapping their hands, beating the coconuts and shaking the sand.

Jimmy the Drummer is an upbeat music book about the positive affect of music.

Book Topics

- Coordination
- Social Skills
- Creating Sounds By Using Different Objects
- Bringing People Together Through Music
- Creating Beats and Rhythms
- Staying In Time

Ideas for how to review this book with kids 5-7:

- What was the message of the story?
Go back to each page and have the child describe what is going on.
- Have the child retell the story in their own words.
 - How do you make music?
 - What makes the other Squirrels want to join in? And how do they join in?
 - How does Jimmy bring people together through music?

Tips on Topics and Discussions for Advanced Readers or Musicians:

- What is a Beat or Rhythm Pattern?
- What does it mean to stay in time with others?
- What are some of the cause and effects of playing one beat together in a group?

Compare Books

Try comparing the story Jimmy the Drummer with other Sculptling Books, such as Lee the Ukulele Player and compare the 2 messages.

- Try comparing the characters and their lessons. How are they different? How are they the same? (Example: Jimmy and Lee are bringing people together by teaching them how to play music. In both stories the characters play together by listening, following along and participating as a team.)